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SUBJECT: INDIAN BAN ON EXPORT OF PRIMATES

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BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE CONTENT OF REFTEL A AND THE SERIOUS-
NESS OF THE PROBLEM, WE ARE CONSIDERING A STRATEGY THAT
WOULD INVOLVE THE PROPOSAL OF A BILATERAL APPROACH AT A
HIGH LEVEL. PRIOR TO INITIATING THAT PROPOSAL WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OR RECONFIRMATION OF THE FACTS AS

WE KNOW THEM AND SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

FOR GENEVA: PLEASE TRY TO RECONFIRM CONTENT OF PARAGRAPH 1
OF REFTEL A.

FOR NEW DELHI: SINCE INDIA IS A DEMOCRACY WE ASSUME ITS
GOVERNMENT TO BE QUOTE OF LAWS AND NOT OF MEN, END QUOTE.
WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE EXPORT BAN? CAN AN
INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE THE BAN ON LEGAL GROUNDS?

FOR DACCA AND RANGOON: IF THE INDIAN BAN CONTINUES, IS
THERE ANY REALISTIC HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN
SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF RHESUS MONKEYS FROM EITHER COUNTRY?
DACCA, IN 1976, WITH 3 OR 4 LICENSED OPERATORS,

BANGLADESH EXPORTED LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND (1000) RHESUS.
IN MARCH 1977 THE BDG IS REPORTED TO HAVE SIGNED AN
AGREEMENT WITH MOL ENTERPRISES FOR EXCLUSIVE EXPORT RIGHTS
OF UP TO TWO THOUSAND (2000) RHESUS PER YEAR, HOWEVER,
ACCORDING TO U.S. IMPORT STATISTICS, MOL SHIPPED LESS
THAN ONE HUNDRED (100) DURING 1977. IS THIS INFORMATION
CORRECT? IS THERE HOPE THAT MOL WILL BE ABLE TO SHIP
ANYWHERE NEAR THE TWO THOUSAND (2000) RHESUS THAT THEY
ARE REPORTEDLY LICENSED TO SHIP?

FOR LONDON, PARIS, BONN: ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO MAKE
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BILATERAL APPROACHES ON THIS ISSUE? DOES HOST GOVERNMENT
HAVE ANY PLANS FOR MEETING ITS PRIMATE NEEDS? VANCE

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